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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/088,964

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thomas M. Dougherty

Group Art Unit 2834



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.					
★ This communication is responsive to 10-12-99 ★ This communication is responsive to 10-12-99					
∑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13					
∑ The drawings filed on Jun 2, 1998 are acceptable.					
☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).					
☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been					
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received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number)					
received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).					
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because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.					
including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No.					
including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on, which has been approved by the examiner.					
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal lettter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.					
☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.					
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-13 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: No prior art notes the

limitation of electrode height less than 2 um RMS. As the method claims also have this limitation,

it is clear that they too are allowable and the restriction is thus withdrawn.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for

Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to Thomas M. Dougherty whose telephone number is (703) 308-1628.

November 16, 1999

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